	STATE OF DALAROUSE COUNTY OF MUSKOGEE AND FOR MUSKOGEE COUNTY OKLAHOMA PH 4: 00
CHANCE BATES,  Plaintiff,	) PAULA SEXTON ) COURT CLERK
CARRIE CASH, Deceased, and/or THE ESTATE OF CARRIE CASH, Deceased; CORNELIA CASH; ARCH INSURANCE COMPANY; McNEIL & COMPANY, INC.; and GALLAGHER BASSETT SERVICES, INC.,	Case No. CJ-2011-532
Defendants.	

## <u>PETITION</u>

COMES NOW the Plaintiff, Chance Bates, and alleges the following in support of his causes of action against the Defendants, Carrie Cash, deceased, and/or The Estate of Carrie Cash, deceased; Comelia Cash; Arch Insurance Company; McNeil & Company, Inc.; and Gallagher Bassett Services, Inc.:

- 1. Plaintiff is a resident of Cherokee County.
- Upon information and belief, Defendant Carrie Cash was a resident of Muskogee
   County at the time of the subject collision.
- 3. Upon information and belief, Defendant Cornelia Cash is a resident of Muskogee County.
- 4. Defendants Arch Insurance Company; McNeil & Company, Inc.; and Gallagher Bassett Services, Inc. (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Arch Insurance") are insurance companies and/or agents of an insurance company unincorporated in the State of Oklahoma but doing business in Muskogee County.

- 5. On June 28, 2011, Plaintiff was involved in an automobile accident in Muskogee County with Defendant Carrie Cash. Defendant Carrie Cash was driving a vehicle owned by Defendant Comelia Cash, which had been negligently entrusted or otherwise provided by Defendant Comelia Cash to Defendant Carrie Cash.
- 6. Said accident was caused by the negligence of Defendants Carrie and Cornelia Cash.
- 7. At the time of the accident, Defendants Carrie and Cornelia Cash did not carry sufficient liability insurance to compensate Plaintiff for his damages.
- 8. At the time of the accident, Plaintiff was insured under a policy of automobile insurance written by Arch Insurance.
- 9. Said insurance policy written by Arch Insurance provided Plaintiff with uninsured/underinsured motorist coverage.
- 10. Plaintiff was injured in the collision, and said injuries were due to the negligence of Defendants Carrie and Cornelia Cash; he also incurred medical bills and lost earnings/earning capacity.
  - 11. Plaintiff promptly made a claim for these injuries and bills with Arch Insurance.
- 12. Arch Insurance acknowledged Plaintiff's claims; yet, intentionally refused and/or delayed to promptly handle and/or pay the claims.
- 13. Arch Insurance's conduct was in clear disregard of the obligations it owed Plaintiff under the policy terms.
- 14. The intentional, reckless, and wrongful conduct of Arch Insurance amounts to a bad faith breach of the insurance policy.

- 15. Arch Insurance's refusal to properly pay Plaintiff's claims amounts to a breach of the insurance contract.
  - 16. As a result of each Defendant's conduct, Plaintiff has been injured.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands a jury and prays for judgment in excess of \$75,000.00, plus interest, costs, and attorney fees against the Defendants, and each of them, plus interest, costs, attorney fees, extra-contractual damages, punitive damages, and whatever further relief is allowed by law.

Respectfully submitted,

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